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For MULTI-BEAM SCANNING DEVICE

CLAIM OF PRIORITY

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby claims the right of priority granted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119 based upon Japanese Application No. 11-206830, filed July 21, 1999. As required by 37 C.F.R. 1.55, a certified copy of the Japanese application has been filed in parent Application No. 09/619,692, filed July 19, 2000.

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